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Date: November 19, 2004

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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

ALEXANDRE BAPTISTA

APPLICATION No.: 10/789,456

FILED: FEBRUARY 26, 2004

FOR: VACUUM PACKAGING APPLIANCE WITH  
VACUUM SIDE CHANNEL LATCHES

ATTY. DKT. NO. 37469-8013.US01

EXAMINER: UNKNOWN

ART UNIT: 3721

**Response to Notice to File Missing Parts**

**Parts of Application**

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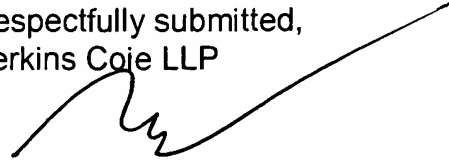
1. This is in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed May 19, 2004 (copy enclosed). Applicants request a four month extension of time, thus allowing Applicants until November 19, 2004 to respond. Applicants submit the following:

- ☒ Check in the amount of \$3,062.00
- ☒ Petition by Person Having Proprietary Interest to File Application on Behalf of Inventor Alexandre Baptiste Who Refuses to Sign
- ☒ Statement Establishing Proprietary Interest By Person Signing On Behalf of Nonsigning Inventor
- ☒ Proprietary Information Agreement and Employment Agreement
- ☒ Statement of Facts By Judy Lagera Vo In Support of Filing on Behalf of Nonsigning Inventor
- ☒ Inventorship Declaration with Signature By Person with Sufficient Proprietary Interest Where No Inventor is Available To Sign On Behalf of the Sole Inventor Who Refuses to Sign
- ☒ Statement of Facts By Brian R. Coleman, with copies of letters which were mailed to Alexandre Baptista on May 21, 2004 and June 10, 2004, together with proof of delivery by Federal Express tracking.
- ☒ Return postcard

2. Fee Payment

- ☒ Check enclosed in the amount of \$3,062 for basic filing fee, surcharge, petition fee, extra claims and four month extension of time.
- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment for timely filing of this Response to Deposit Account No. 50-2207. This paper is provided in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,  
Perkins Coie LLP



Date: November 19, 2004

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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of \$478 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

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<b>SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:</b>	01 FC:1001	790.00 OP
	02 FC:1051	130.00 OP
	03 FC:1202	306.00 OP
	04 FC:1201	176.00 OP

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$1378 for a Large Entity

- \$770 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

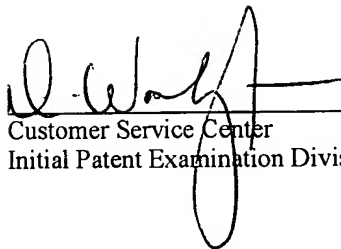
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$478**

- **\$172** for 2 independent claims over 3.
- **\$306** for 17 total claims over 20.

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